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To present a gold medal to Len “Roy Rogers” Slye and Octavia “Dale Evans” Smith.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CLELAND (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. GLENN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

4 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
5 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold
6 medal of appropriate design to Len “Roy Rogers” Slye
7 and Octavia “Dale Evans” Smith in recognition of their
8 accomplishments as entertainers and humanitarians,
9 which include—

1 (1) careers in the entertainment industry that
 2 spanned 6 decades and covered such industries as
 3 music, film, television, writing, sports, and radio;

4 (2) acting in and producing more than 100
 5 films, as well as their popular 10-year television
 6 show “The Roy Rogers Show”, which is still seen in
 7 American and foreign markets;

8 (3) setting appearance records in virtually every
 9 major arena in the world, including Madison Square
 10 Garden in New York City, the Houston Fat Stock
 11 Show, the Los Angeles Coliseum, the Chicago Sta-
 12 dium, the Harringay Arena in London, Toronto’s
 13 Canadian National Exhibition, and many State fairs
 14 and rodeos;

15 (4) on the part of Len Slye, once selling out
 16 Madison Square Garden 29 straight nights, holding
 17 the record for the largest crowd to ever see an in-
 18 door rodeo, and twice attracting more than 100,000
 19 people to rodeos in the Los Angeles Coliseum;

20 (5) selfless service as role models through their
 21 strong faith in Christianity as well as their devotion
 22 to their 9 children (5 by adoption and 4 by birth),
 23 16 grandchildren, and 30 great-grandchildren;

24 (6) Octavia Smith’s classic book “Angel Un-
 25 aware”, which dealt with the death from complica-

1 tions associated with Down’s syndrome of Robin, the
2 one child Len Slye and Octavia Smith had together;
3 and

4 (7) creating the Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Mu-
5 seum in Victorville, California, that vividly chronicles
6 their lives and the values and ethics that represent
7 the basis of their worldwide appeal.

8 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
9 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
10 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
11 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
12 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
13 Secretary.

14 **SEC. 2. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

15 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
16 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 1
17 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe,
18 and at a price sufficient to cover the costs of the medals,
19 including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and
20 overhead expenses.

21 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

22 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
23 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
24 States Code.

1 **SEC. 4. FUNDING AND PROCEEDS OF SALE.**

2 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—There is hereby authorized to
3 be charged against the United States Mint Public Enter-
4 prise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay for
5 the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

6 (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the
7 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be
8 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
9 Fund.

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